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SUBJ: UNCTAD: FINAL DECISION OF 8TH COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES

FOLLOWING ARE AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES AND THE TEXT OF THE US
STATEMENT REGARDING THE AGREED CONCLUSION ON SYNTHETICS
AND SUBSTITUTES: BEGIN QUOTE:

A. MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR PRIMARY COMMODITIES.

THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT IN THE COMMITTEE THAT THE
UNCTAD SECRETARIAT SHOULD CONTINUE ITS WORK ON MARKETING
AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR PRIMARY COMMODITIES TAKING
ACCOUNT OF THE PROVISIONS OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 78 (III),
THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE AND THE
VIEWS OF ALL MEMBERS GOVERNMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT. IN ITS
FURTHER WORK, THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD SEEK THE ACTIVE CO-
OPERATION OF GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH PRODUCING AND CONSUMING
COUNTRIES, TRADE AND INDUSTRY INTERESTS AND INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE COMMODITY COVERAGE SHOULD BE
EXTENDED, AND FURTHER WORK TO SUPPLEMENT THE STUDIES
ALREADY PREPARED SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF
COMMENTS MADE BY GOVERNMENTS. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE
INVITED TO COMMENT IN WRITING ON THE MAIN REPORTS ON THIS

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SUBJECT PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR ITS CONSIDERATION

AT ITS PRESENT SESSION.

B. DIVERSIFICATION.

THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AT ITS FIFTEENTH SESSION, DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR A SERIES OF STUDIES IN DEPTH OF THE COMMODITY DIVERSIFICATION PROBLEMS OF A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND FOR A MORE GENERAL STUDY ON COMMODITY DIVERSIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF THE RESULTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY STUDIES. THE PROPOSALS SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE SECRETARIAT'S REPORT TD/B/C.1/173, AND SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A STATEMENT ON THE ESTIMATED COSTS AND ON POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCE. THE COMMITTEE INVITED THE GOVERNMENTS OF ANY STATES MEMBERS OF UNCTAD WHICH WISHED TO PROPOSE THAT THEIR COUNTRIES SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF SUCH STUDIES TO INFORM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ACCORDINGLY.

C. CONSIDERATION OF STUDIES BY THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES ON THE EXPLORATION, FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, OF THE MINERAL RESOURCES OF THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR, AND THE SUB-SOIL THEREOF, BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE WIDE APPRECIATION FOR THE REPORTS PREPARED BY THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT (DOCUMENTS TD/B/C.1/170 AND TD/B/C.1/172) PURSUANT TO CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 51 (III).

THE COMMITTEE DECIDED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DECISION MADE BY THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AT ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION (A/9015/REV.1, PART THREE, PARAS. 57 AND 58), TO TRANSMIT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED REPORTS, TOGETHER WITH A REPORT OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED THEREON AT ITS PRESENT SESSION, TO THE THIRD SESSION OF THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, AND TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO BE AVAILABLE TO PRESENT THE REPORTS, AS APPROPRIATE, TO THAT MEETING.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE DECISION TAKEN FOR A JOINT STUDY BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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PREPARED IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, AT ITS THIRD SESSION, PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2750 (XXV) AND CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 51 (III). THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE JOINT STUDY TO THE THIRD SESSION OF THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF

THE SEA, AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS RESULTS, TOGETHER WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DOCUMENTS, TO THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AT ITS FIFTEENTH SESSION, AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AT ITS FOURTH SESSION, FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, WITH A VIEW TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 51(III).

D. REPORT OF THE PERMANENT GROUP ON SYNTHETICS AND SUBSTITUTES ON ITS SIXTH SESSION.

THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT:

1. THERE IS A NEED TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF NATURAL PRODUCTS VIS-A-VIS SYNTHETICS AND SUBSTITUTES.
2. THERE IS A NEED FOR A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL APPROACH AND FOR EFFECTIVE CO-OPERATION AMONG PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF NATURAL PRODUCTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE COMMODITY BODIES, TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES AIMED AT REDUCING PRODUCTION AND MARKETING COSTS, AND PROVIDING REMUNERATIVE AND STABLE PRICES FOR NATURAL PRODUCTS FACING COMPETITION FROM SYNTHETICS AND SUBSTITUTES THROUGH, INTER ALIA, IMPROVING AND RATIONALIZING MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS, AND TO REPORT TO THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AT ITS FIFTEENTH SESSION, ON THE PROGRESS OF THE STUDIES AND ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 50(III).

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3. (A) FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM ALL SOURCES SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO PRODUCING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ENABLE THEM TO IMPROVE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THEIR NATURAL PRODUCTS.

(C) DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ON THEIR POLICES RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF SYNTHETICS.

4. MAJOR PRODUCERS OF SYNTHETICS, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHEN TAKING DECISIONS CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF SYNTHETICS, SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THE POSSIBILITY OF RESTRICTING SUCH EXPANSION BECAUSE OF THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF SYNTHETIC INDUSTRIES ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE NEED FOR CONSERVATION OF SCARCE NATURAL RESOURCES, AS WELL AS THE RISING PRODUCTION COSTS OF SYNTHETIC MATERIALS.

5. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND SPECIALIZED COMMODITY BODIES SHOULD GIVE GREATER ATTENTION TO THE EXPANSION OF R AND D ACTIVITIES ON NATURAL PRODUCTS FACING COMPETITION FROM SYNTHETICS AND SUBSTITUTES WITH RESPECT TO PROCESSING, UTILIZATION, NEW USES, NEW MARKETS, EFFICIENT SALES PROMOTION TECHNIQUES IN-

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CLUDING TECHNICAL SERVICES, AND TO THE DISSEMINATION OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR R AND D ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNEXION, IT WAS HOPED THAT GOVERNMENTS MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH WOULD REQUEST THE GROUP TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF ITS ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE NON-FOOD COMMODITIES.

6. DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES SHOULD INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ALL BARRIERS TO TRADE AGAINST NATURAL PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN PRIMARY, SEMI-PROCESSED, PROCESSED AND IMPROVED FORMS WHICH FACE COMPETITION FROM SYNTHETICS AND SUBSTITUTES.

7. THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE, IN THEIR IMPORTS FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF COMMODITIES FACING COMPETITION FROM SYNTHETICS AND SUBSTITUTES, SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE PROVISIONS OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 15(88) RELEVANT TO THIS CASE. TEXT OF US STATEMENT ON AGREED CONCLUSION ON SYNTHETICS AND SUBSTITUTES. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 2, THE UNITED STATES

ASSUMED THAT THE CO-OPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES REFERRED TO RELATED ONLY TO ACTION IN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PROMOTION. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 3, HE SAID THAT AID MUST BE TAILORED BY EACH DONOR FOR EACH RECIPIENT BASED ON RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND MUTUAL AGREEMENT ON WHERE RESOURCES COULD BEST BE USED. THUS, DECISIONS AS TO INCREASING ASSISTANCE TO THE MARKETING AND PRODUCING OF NATURAL MATERIALS MUST BE UNDERSTOOD IN THAT CONTEXT. AS TO THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON POLICY, AND REGARDING SYNTHETIC PRODUCTION AND CAPACITY, THE UNITED STATES OF COURSE DID NOT CONTROL THE CHOICE BY UNITED STATES INDUSTRIES BETWEEN THE USE OF SYNTHETICS AND NATURAL PRODUCTS. ALSO, AS HIS DELEGATION HAD STATED ON MANY OCCASIONS, WHILE THE SECRETARIAT OR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE WELCOME TO AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON SYNTHETIC PRODUCTION, AND MIGHT REQUEST INFORMATION FROM UNITED STATES FIRMS, THOSE FIRMS WERE FREE TO DETERMINE WHAT INFORMATION THEY MIGHT WISH TO PROVIDE. UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH RESPECT TO PARA 4, HE OBSERVED THAT, UNDER UNITED STATES LAWS, ALL FIRMS MUST MEET POLLUTION STANDARDS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR USE OF SYNTHETICS OR NATURAL PRODUCTS, AND THE FIRM ITSELF MADE A DETERMINATION, IN THE LIGHT OF ALL COSTS, AS TO WHETHER IT WAS MORE ECONOMIC TO USE SYNTHETICS OR NATURAL PRODUCTS IN ITS MANUFACTURING PROCESS. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 5, HE NOTED THAT, IN THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES, EXPANSION OF R AND D ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL PRODUCTS FACING COMPETITION WOULD BE A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS A MATTER OF CONCERN IN OTHER COUNTRIES. IN THE UNITED STATES, INDUSTRIAL R AND D WAS CARRIED ON ALMOST ENTIRELY IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 6 HE STATED THAT, WHILE THE UNITED STATES AGREED THAT TARIFF AND OTHER TRADE BARRIERS OUGHT TO BE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE ON PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND THROUGH THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES IT OF COURSE COULD NOT ACCEDE TO A REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL BARRIERS IF SUCH BARRIERS WERE TAKEN TO INCLUDE A VARIETY OF REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO HEALTH, SANITATION, OR OTHER STANDARDS WHICH ALSO APPLIED TO DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED PRODUCTS. END QUOTE. DALE

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